

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

FL 140044

VIOLATOR

Customer# 43680
Certificate# 58-C-1005
Skunkie Acres Inc.

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

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The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **June 11, 2012 - May 29, 2013, July 11, 2013** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

2.40 (b)(2)

- Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

(Zebu hooves nails were overgrown.)

3.125 (a)

- The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

(**Shelter in the raccoon enclosure is decomposing and damaged with several nail heads and sharp end protruding into the shelter.

**Fox enclosure has several broken sharp rusty wires along the bottom of the perimeter mesh fence. **Chain link fencing around the livestock yard is unraveling exposing sharp wire ends.)

3.127 (a)

- Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort of the animals, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to allow all animals kept outdoors to protect themselves from direct sunlight.

(The New Guinea Singing Dog does not have sufficient shelter from sunlight.)

3.130

- If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

(**The zebu, kinkajou, raccoons, and squirrels did not have clean drinking water. **Most water receptacles in the enclosures were dirty, with plant debris, dirt and algae visible.) **Water receptacles were dirty, with pigs observed lying in both.)

3.131 (e)

- Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

(**Plastic buckets, aluminum beverage cans, wood and other debris have accumulated in the front corner of the facility adjacent a zebu enclosure. Dirty, stagnant water has accumulated in several buckets.

**Piles of lumber and other debris have accumulated along the perimeter fence near the zebra enclosure. **Cardboard box piles in a couple of areas. **Torn pieces of plastic and plastic bags were observed scattered about the facility and inside animal enclosures.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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